

DSTWG #44

9 October 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Agenda and Action Points from September Meeting
3. DSTWG Update
 - ✓ DS Update
 - ✓ Subgroups Update
 - ✓ Sustainable Livelihoods
 - ✓ HLP Subgroup
 - ✓ M&A Subgroup
4. Discussion
 - ✓ IDSF Project Update – ‘*Strengthening data systems to improve the management of internally displaced persons referral systems in Iraq*’ (UNH/IOM)
 - ✓ ASG Robert Piper’s Guidance book on solutions to internal displacement (RCO)
5. AOB

Previous Meeting Action Points



- DSTWG to reach out to EJCC, BCF and the Hamdaniya authorities to invite them to the assessment of Hasansham village **(Completed)**
- DSTWG to circulate an email to all partners, inviting participation in the assessment and organizing a preparatory meeting **(Completed)**

DS Update



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- High Committee Meeting – the recommendations included the Sinjar Agreement implementation and the creation of 5 Committees, still awaiting endorsement by the Prime Minister.
- Services continuity in KRI camps – delays in food and fuel distribution were noted, with ongoing efforts to resolve these issues, especially in EMCs.
- Sinjar – Despite GoI initiatives such as the Kocho village expansion, the Sinjar Reconstruction Fund is still not operational, with plans for a Donor meeting in Oct. to address this.
- Camp departures and returns: IOM DTM noted 8,064 families left camps, with many returning to Ninewa and SAD. 61% of returnees received MoMD grants, while a backlog in Sinjar, Ba'aj and Mosul delayed disbursements.
- The DSTF intends to develop criteria for measuring progress toward DS, advocate for key Ministries' involvement in the High Committee (MoLSA, MoT, ...) and support the GoI with the intentions survey.



Bring Hope Foundation – New DSTWG Co-Chair

- Bring Hope Foundation was established in 2014 to respond to the ISIS crisis and mass displacement.
- BHHF key focus areas revolve around:
 - humanitarian assistance (delivering essential aid to displaced populations)
 - climate resilience (engaging communities in environmental education and tree-planting initiatives to combat climate change)
 - Women's empowerment: providing self-defense, leadership and communication training to promote women's participation in local decision-making and addressing GBV.



Joint Coordination Forums (JCF):

- **Monthly Meetings since Feb:**

- Kirkuk (Feb, March, April, June, August, September); Ninewa (Feb, March, April, June, August, September, October).
- Diyala (Feb, April, May, June, September); Anbar (Feb, May, June, August, September); SAD (May, July, August, September)
- **Kirkuk JCF:** New Admin order has been issued; new co-chair and additional members from government side.
- **Diyala JCF:** Needs assessment mission to Al-Khailania, Nahar Al-Imam villages in Al-Muqadadiya on Oct. 10th.
- **SAD JCF:** Needs assessment mission to Tuz Khurmato district, return areas and Tuz city on Oct. 13th.



Sinjar ABC:

- Last Sinjar ABC meeting was conducted on September 19th; upcoming meeting is on October 15th.
- Resume of IDPs registration within MoMD is still not clear and is impacting on return from Duhok camps to Sinjar and Ba'aj. (registration stopped since July 12th)
- According to DMCR data, 1,484 families have returned from camps, while 61 families returned from outside the camps during month of August, all these households were registered prior July 12th
- Urgent assistance was requested for 42 returnee households in Tal-Bahlol village who are living in critical conditions
- The planned projects in Sinjar under the Government Reconstruction Fund 2023-2024 were discussed.
- The water projects in the Kocho and Tal Banat areas are ongoing, in collaboration with UNDP.
- OCHA has already shared the report of the fact-finding mission to Sinjar regarding the hate-speech incident.
- Significant number of local organizations have requested to join Sinjar ABC as members.
- Call of expression will be open to local organizations for cochairing Sinjar ABC with IOM.

Subgroups Update

IDSF Project update –

'Strengthening data systems to improve the management of internally displaced persons referral systems in Iraq'

IOM & UN-Habitat Iraq

IDSF

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Project Summary

- **Title:** Strengthening data systems to improve the management of internally displaced persons referral systems in Iraq
- **Donor:** IDSF (Internal Displacement Solutions Fund) managed by Robert Piper's Office
- **Duration:** 18 months (from April 2024 to September 2025)
- **Budget:** \$ 500,000 with \$ 325,000 allocated to IOM and 175,000 to UN-Habitat



Overall Objective

- Strengthen the data systems of the Government of Iraq to improve the management of internally displaced persons (IDP) cases
- Enhance data analysis for:
 - informed policymaking,
 - improved resource allocation,
 - Improved responsive capacity,
- Ultimately supporting more effective and targeted service delivery to vulnerable populations

Steering committee

All focal points for the steering committee were appointed, including members from:

- The Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD),
- The Ministry of Planning (MoP) and KRG-MoP,
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF),
- Compensation Committee,
- Joint Crisis Coordination Cente (JCC)

- Activity 1.1 (IOM)

- Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment in collaboration with the MoMD to identify gaps and challenges in existing data systems

Two meetings were held with MoMD in Baghdad and JCCC in Erbil to introduce the goals of the project and assign technical focal points for further coordination for capacity assessment.

- Activity 1.3 (HAB)

- Conduct an in-depth needs assessment and gap analysis with the Compensation Committee to identify the challenges to accessing compensation claims

- Activity 1.4 (HAB)

- Organize a series of workshops/roundtables with government counterparts to develop a straightforward process for filing for compensation
- *Two meetings conducted with the 1st and 2nd Central Compensation Committees, to introduce the project and assign focal points*
- *Interviews convened with key informants for the remainder of October*
- *Desk review to support needs assessment - including review of international best practice - commenced*

Output 2: Enhancing the Government of Iraq's data analysis capabilities to inform policies and resourcing related to service delivery for IDPs

- **Activity 2.1 (IOM)**

- Providing training workshops and mentoring activities on data analysis techniques for government officials in JCCC and MoMD GIS and Data analysis unit. These workshops will be paired with specific outputs and practice exercises to ensure knowledge capture

The initial capacity assessment tool was designed and shared with MoMD and JCCC focal points to identify the most pressing gaps in terms of data analysis. Based on the results, the training programme for JCCC and MoMD staff will be developed. In addition, JCCC and MoMD shared their organograms and CVs of staff potentially participating in training workshops and mentoring activities.

A proposal from JCC has been received outlining their capacity-building needs. They are requesting training on reporting tools, enhancing analytical skills, and strengthening coordination mechanisms. Based on this, a technical meeting will be scheduled for the last week of October.

A technical meeting between MoMD and DTM Information Management (IM) teams will be held at the IOM Erbil office during the third week of October. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the development of a tool that facilitates data extraction from the database into report templates.

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- **Activity 2.4: (HAB)**

- Provide technical assistance to the Compensation Committee of the MoF to strengthen the overall data collection and management system
- *Activities pending the outcome of the needs assessment*

- **Activity 2.5 (HAB)**

- Conduct high level advocacy and awareness raising activities to advocate for a streamlining of bureaucratic procedures to facilitate access to entitlements (such as compensations claims)
 - *Activities pending the outcome of the needs assessment*

- **Activity 2.6 (HAB)**

- Provide technical assistance to draft a strategy on how to mitigate the identified challenges and revise the existing policies and procedures to improve access to HLP rights and compensation
- *Activities pending the outcome of the needs assessment*

ASG Robert Piper's Guidance book on solutions
to internal displacement



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